CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Untitled aka 566873
Other known title(s):	00008
OFLC ref:	0900477.007
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	19 May 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The printout depicts a man performing a sexual act on a very young boy. The purpose of the image is sexual titillation and arousal. It encourages adults to view children as sexually desirable and available for sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen a sexual interest in children and encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which fall under the criteria of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 will be deemed objectionable. The classification is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect vulnerable young children from exploitation.